

## NEXT BORDER MOVE WAITS ON SCOTT'S REPORT

At Least Twenty-Three Dead and Scores Injured By Explosions

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NINE DEAD AND  
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Blast of Dynamite in Adjoining Excavation Causes Collapse of Crystal Restaurant in Akron, Ohio, During Dinner Hour.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

AKRON, O., May 15.—At least nine persons were killed and nearly a score injured early this evening when the old Beacon-Journal building, occupied by the Crystal Restaurant, collapsed as a result of a blast of dynamite in an adjoining excavation.

Seven identified and two unidentified bodies have been recovered, and two persons now missing are thought to be in the ruins.

Battery E, Ohio National Guard field artillery, was called out to aid the police in restraining a crowd of more than 10,000 persons who packed the streets at Main and Quarry, where the accident occurred.

A tremendous roar, echoing the screams of dying people, brought thousands to the scene of the disaster, in the heart of Akron's business district. Instantly the entire city, rallying under the shock, plunged to the work of rescue.

A great pile of ruins, broken timbers, twisted steel and tons of brick and mortar, buried the victims, who a moment before were dining in the restaurant.

Eight bodies soon were taken out of the wreckage after firemen, police and volunteer rescuers had worked frantically digging and chopping through the debris.

Nineteen more, many of them fatally injured, were extracted and sent to the City and People's hospitals. Only two or three of the others known to have been in the restaurant succeeded in escaping before the crash.

George Zerris, who with his brothers, Augustus Zerris, owners of the restaurant, escaped from the kitchen of the collapsing restaurant together with a cook and two dishwashers. But all were injured by falling bricks.

Blasts of dynamite set off in an excavation for a new building directly behind the restaurant, unsettled the foundations. The restaurant was a one-story structure, with a two-story false front, and the latter toppling backward added a weight of many tons to the falling roof.

A dynamite charge set off fifty feet away from the restaurant a few minutes before the disaster is believed to have been the direct cause.

The crash came at 4:16 p. m., in the midst of dinner when the restaurant was crowded and when thousands were

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FOURTEEN DEAD  
MANY HURT IN  
DU PONT BLAST

Terrific Explosion At Repauno Plant Takes Toll of At Least Fourteen, Injures Thirty and Wrecks Four Buildings

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

GIBBSTOWN, N. J., May 15.—At least fourteen men were killed and about 30 injured today in a terrific explosion at the Repauno plant of the Du Pont Powder company, near here. The blast occurred in the building which Trinitroholol is manufactured and wrecked that structure and three others.

Among the identified dead are: W. F. Lawley, Woodbury, N. J., assistant superintendent of the Trinitroholol plant.

George Marsh, Paulsboro, N. J., some of the injured were taken to a hospital in Camden and other places, while about a score, who received minor wounds, were treated by physicians at the powder plant.

The cause of the explosion is not known and according to officials of the company may never be ascertained as all those believed to have been in the building where the first explosion occurred, are dead.

Trinitroholol is not considered an explosive risk, and company officials believe it caught fire before exploding. This blast caused a nearby building, in which nitro-benzol is manufactured to blow up. So great was the force that two buildings some distance away in which Haxite was manufactured were wrecked, not the explosion did not go off.

Many of those killed and injured were outside the buildings involved and were either killed or hurt by flying debris. Other workmen promptly went to the rescue and ambulance calls were sent into various surrounding towns. The wildest rumors prevailed as to the number of dead, but the company was unable to give the number killed until all the employees had been checked up. Some of the dead were so badly mangled that identification was difficult. Two of the dead remain unidentified and two other workmen are missing and believed dead by the company officials.

Trinitroholol and nitro-benzol are used in filling shells and mines. The buildings in which they were produced were of frame construction.

The Repauno plant of the Du Pont company consists of 2,000 or 3,000 acres on which there are 300 smaller buildings. About 2,000 men are employed, of

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PRACTICAL HIGHWAY  
BUILDING THEME OF  
GOOD ROADS MEETING

ON HAND FOR TRIAL OF WAITE

NEW YORK, May 15.—Mrs. Clara A. Waite arrived here today from her home in Grand Rapids, Mich., accompanied by her brother, Percy Peck, for the trial of her husband, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, accused of the murder of her father, John E. Peck, in this city, March 12. The trial is set for next Monday. One of the largest panels ever called in a murder case here will be drawn in an afternoon session. The commission of jurors has arranged for 200 men to appear Monday and 125 Tuesday.

## WAR SUMMARY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

Little heavy fighting is in progress in any of the various war theaters.

The French in the Meuse hills, to the east of Verdun, in a surprise attack have cleared the Germans from trenches over a front of about 200 yards and also have put down in Champagne several German attacks. Bombardments alone are taking place around Verdun.

Along the British line in France bombardments and sapping operations are being carried on at various points. East of Loos the Germans succeeded in gaining a footing in British trenches, but were able to hold them only a few minutes under a counter attack.

The Italians in the Monte Adamello zone have succeeded in occupying positions in the sector between Orzinuovi and Bergamo and Crocchio di Lario which are of great strategic value in their movement against Trent. The Italians also have made further progress against the Austrians on Mount Sgorio.

Attacks by the Austrians to the north of Lemauro were repulsed by the Italians. Elsewhere along this front there have been only artillery engagements.

Little fighting of moment is going on between the Teutons and the Russians on Russian territory except artillery duels.

In the Caucasus region the Russians are continuing their advance against the Turks, according to Petrograd.

In the operation toward Mosul, involving Bagdad as its objective, the Turks are declared to have retreated precipitately before the Russian abandonment of material. The Russians are pressing on in pursuit.

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Substantial Results Apparent In Purposeful Session of Good Roads Association With State's Road Engineers

DELEGATES TO THE GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

S. O. Thompson, Florence; T. N. Wilks, Mammouth (Tenn.); A. J. Eddy, Yuma; W. J. Lemke, Chandler; F. C. Jordan, Chandler; W. V. Price, Florence; J. G. Keating, Florence; A. G. Uley, Phoenix; David A. Jacobson, Chandler; Allen T. Bird, Nogales; Robert Mitchell, Nogales; F. E. Campbell, Phoenix; Lamar Cook, Phoenix (State Engineer);

T. A. Becker, Springville; V. D. Johnson, Mesa (Sec. Mesa County Club); W. K. Bowen, Mesa (County Supervisor); A. A. Baldwin, Mesa; P. A. Miller, Phoenix (Civil Engineer);

Joe P. Myers, Tucson (Secretary Commercial Club); J. N. Gaines, Secretary Taxpayers' Association; Jay D. Stannard, Phoenix (Engineer);

R. M. Rex, Tucson; Joe Rice, Bisbee; G. H. Coffin, Phoenix; H. H. Hargman, Phoenix (County Engineer);

Major Chas. S. Noble, Oregon Society of Engineers; W. H. Kessan, Globe (Secretary Gila County Taxpayers' Association);

E. P. Conway, Phoenix; Clarence L. Standage, Phoenix (Chief Road of Supervisors); Warren McArthur, Phoenix; Harry H. Triffin, Phoenix;

W. W. Peterson, Phoenix (214 E. Washington); Frank Lutz, Phoenix;

A. J. Chandler, Chandler; Thomas S. Reed, Phoenix; T. E. Nichols, Phoenix (State Engineer's office);

J. W. Francis, Flagstaff; E. E. Perry, Kingman; R. A. King, Phoenix;

Lewie T. Carpenter, Nogales; Jay H. Cameron, Phoenix; H. J. Patrick, Phoenix;

J. P. Rhodes, Phoenix; E. S. Stafford, Florence; S. K. Baker, Phoenix;

Wm. H. Bartlett, Glendale; A. A. Trappel, Phoenix; H. Clay Baker, Phoenix;

Yesterday was a day of demonstrations at the first session of the Arizona Good Roads Association, with the association of County Engineers.

Col. Allen T. Bird of Nogales furnished the first and best demonstration of the real efficiency of a state wide association. Coming from a county where the expenditure of \$150,000 in good roads bonds had been authorized on the plea that the Nogales Chamber of Commerce would see it spent right, and where in some instances there is a suspicion that business methods have not been used, Col. Bird in his own words, "came to find out how he could remedy the evils." His questions, which were poured into the record at every juncture, were to the point, and indicated a practical insight into the needs of this individual case, which the associated brains of the good roads workers and boosters are able to supply.

The practical, as opposed to the theoretical side of road building and administration, was looked upon yesterday, in fact the program had been so arranged as to bring out discussion of actual instances of solving road making problems. Delegates from every county but two were in attendance yesterday, and the missing representatives

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MAJOR BARNUM AIDS IN  
PLACING LINE PATROL

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 15.—Major General Frederick Funston and his chief of staff, Major Malvern Hill Barnum, worked out many details today of the plan of reorganization of the border patrol, while reports from General Pershing and from the Big Bend district served to emphasize how incidental the American operations south of the border have become.

General Pershing's troops drew closer together and gave no sign that early resumption of the chase of Francisco Villa was contemplated. Colonel Sibley is dividing his little command of cavalry some sixty miles south of Boquillas, but at headquarters there is displayed little hope that he will capture the bandits or rescue Jesse Bremer, carried away there.

The safe-guarding of the Southern Pacific railway from here to El Paso was decided upon today and as quickly as possible troops will be sent to every bridge along the line.

In the event of military operations on a big scale the use of that road will be imperative.

Agents of the department of justice talked with General Funston regarding information indicating plans for raiding across the border near Brownsville, and representatives of property owners in that district also made representations to him of which they based suggestions that more troops be sent there.

The Thirtieth infantry arrived tonight, but no announcement was made as to its station other than that for the present it would be held here for distribution.

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GENERAL SCOTT  
IN WASHINGTON  
TO MAKE REPORT

Both State Department and Carranza Await Detailed Reports of El Paso Conference Before Seeking An Agreement

UNDERSTANDING BELIEVED BETTER

General Scott Is Need of Rest, Does Not See Secretary Lansing, Though Makes Brief Report to Secretary Baker

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Both the state department and General Carranza are awaiting detailed reports of the recent El Paso military conference before seeking an agreement as to the Mexican border situation through diplomatic conversations.

General Scott, chief of staff of the army, returned today, optimistic over the military situation and confident that the meetings between himself and General Funston on the one side and General Obregon, Carranza's war minister, on the other, had created a better understanding between the governments which might furnish the basis for a formal protocol. The chief of staff was in need of rest, however, and did not see Secretary Lansing. He reported briefly to Secretary Baker but the full discussion of his conversations with General Obregon will come later.

Eliodoro Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate, asked for instructions as to his course last week, but General Obregon probably will not reach Mexico City for several days and the reply from General Carranza is not expected at the embassy until the war minister's report has been received.

War and state department advisers showed no change today in the situation in Mexico or along the border. While press reports have told of several raids of a minor character at various points in the last few days, General Funston either has been unable to confirm these stories or has thought them too unimportant to bring to the attention of the war department.

Administration officials continue to express confidence that the forces now under General Funston's command will be able to protect the border in such fashion that repettions of the Glenn Springs raid will be impossible unless there are general anti-American outbreaks beyond the border to which Carranza troops participate. There is nothing to indicate the likelihood of such an event. On the contrary, all official advice at hand indicate that Carranza forces are being disposed to prevent raiding across the line by irresponsible outlaws.

General Funston's new plan for coordinating the work of the border guards was regarded in some quarters here as tending to confirm intimations that an unwritten agreement as to steps to be taken were reported by the El Paso conference. If the plan includes an exchange of information as to bandit activities between responsible officers of the Carranza troops and the American commanders it was thought that considerable progress could be made without the troops of either government crossing the lines. No official would admit, however, that a plan of action had been agreed upon by the conferees.

General Scott probably will confer at length with Secretary Baker tomorrow and later with Secretary Lansing. No time had been set tonight, however, for these interviews. There is no need for haste in the formulation of a protocol, it is felt, by officials here, if General Pershing's force is not to eventually.

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BANDITS WRECK TRAIN CAUSING  
DEATH OF EIGHT PERSONS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LAREDO, Tex., May 15.—Bandits wrecked a train and caused the death of eight persons between Queretaro and Empalme Gonzalez, Mexico, last night, according to passengers who arrived here today. Many thousands of dollars in new Carranza currency was said to have been taken by the bandits.

The train with the private car of Charles A. Douglas, counsel for General Carranza at Washington, attached left Mexico City at five o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday last. At 2:30 Saturday morning the passengers were awakened by a sudden jar and a terrific detonation followed by a volley of rifle shots. Outside the cars, the passengers said, was a party of bandits shouting "Viva Villa" and firing continuously to frighten the passengers.

The engine and four cars were derailed and the engineer, fireman, helper and five other persons riding on the tender were instantly killed. The bandits entered the second class car in front and made their way toward the rear robbing all passengers.

Among the passengers reported killed were two army paymasters, who lost their funds they were carrying.

The express car is said to have contained a million pesos in the new currency, but owing either to the desire of the bandits to get away hurriedly or from ignorance of the contents of the car it was not opened, although it left the track and rolled down the embankment.

Mr. Douglas' car was not molested.

NO VOTE TAKEN  
[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 15.—Following a long meeting of the stockholders of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railway at the office of C. W. Huntington, vice president of the road, here tonight the meeting was adjourned until tomorrow without a vote being taken on the proposed reorganization plan.

HANKINS FOR POSTMASTER  
[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 15.—President Wilson today nominated Melville G. Hankins postmaster at Douglas, Ariz.

NEW DEVICES FOR AEROPLANE  
SERVICE REACH THE BORDER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

COLUMBUS, N. M., May 15.—Aeroplane, machine guns and bomb dropping devices arrived here today for the use of the first aero squadron. Army aviators here denied any knowledge as to whether the planes to be sent into Mexico for service are to be equipped with the devices. The corps have been working for several weeks with new aeroplanes in an attempt to bring the fleet into condition for field service. However, it was stated tonight that none of the machines are yet ready for Mexican service.

Of the attack upon a small body of Americans at Rancho Rubio, 20 miles from Lake Uruate, the field headquarters offered nothing to supplement press reports. However, it was pointed out that the attack indicated that small bands of the bandits are still scattered through the territory occupied by General J. J. Pershing's command.

A "dead line" was drawn about the lake area here today. It was said that a suspicion that bandits may have been responsible for the recent fire at Fort Bliss, Texas, caused the added precautions here.

Troops to be distributed along the border passed through here today from posts in the northwest. None of them detained here. Thirty non-commissioned officers, graduated from the school of musketry at Fort Sill, Okla., reached here today on their way to join their regiments in the

field. Truckmen arriving from the north today reported quiet all along the American line of communication. They also pointed out that neither General Pershing nor his officers felt any doubt as to the ability of the command to protect itself in any eventuality.

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NEW SINN FEIN CHAPTER BEGINS  
WITH TRIAL OF SIR ROGER CASEMENT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, May 15.—The writing of a new chapter of the history of the Sinn Fein rebellion was begun today, when Sir Roger Casement, knighted in 1911 for services to the British government, and Daniel Julian Barry, an Irish private soldier, one of his companions on the ill-fated submarine trip from Germany to Ireland, were placed in the dock of the Bow street police court for preliminary execution on the charge of high treason.

While considerable testimony introduced by the crown tended to incriminate Barry, the main attack of the prosecution was directed against Casement in an endeavor to enmesh him in a net of evidence which would establish without question the leading part it is claimed he played in the conspiracy, whose ramifications extended over to America.

Casement himself was the center of all eyes during the day. It was evident that no ordinary prisoner was before the bar, for despite the unkempt condition of his clothing, he made a striking figure, with newly trimmed beard and hair brushed well back from a high forehead, underneath which were the deep-set eyes of the dreamer.

Casement busied himself taking notes, indicating that he intended to have a hand in the presentation of his defense. He was always self-possessed and, as the case wore on, began to assume considerable assurance.

The testimony developed few thrills, the prosecution devoting its attention to showing how Casement carried on the alleged recruiting for his Irish brigade in German prison camps. The most dramatic part of the whole proceeding was the address of the attorney general, Sir Fred-

erick E. Smith, who outlined Sir Roger Casement's former services to his country, told of the honor bestowed upon the prisoner by his king, and then shifted abruptly to the details of the conspiracy hatched in Germany.

It was during his address that the attorney general introduced a letter written by Casement thanking Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, for the knighthood conferred upon him in recognition of his Putnam service. In this letter Casement said:

"I am indeed grateful to you for this singular assurance of your personal interest. I am very sensible of the honor done me by his majesty, and would beg that my humble duty may be presented to his majesty when you can do me the honor of conveying to him my deep appreciation of the honor that he has been so generously pleased to confer upon me."

The attorney general introduced another striking feature when, he paused in his speech to produce in court the flag which it is asserted Casement and his companions brought from Germany to Ireland. This was the emblem of revolt—a green flag with a yellow castle upon it and under the castle the motto:

"The antique full staidish asper-luna bell!" Casement's attorney made little attempt to cross-examine today, but several times questioned the witnesses as to why Casement wished them to join the Irish brigade. The point of the questions seemed to be to show that the freedom of Ireland was the only thing involved and that the brigade was not to attempt to assist Germany.

Further testimony will be introduced by the crown tomorrow.

MORE LAND FOR ENTRY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 15.—President Wilson today made available to entry of homesteaders more than a half million acres of land in the Dixie National Forest in Arizona. About one-fourth of the area already has been ceded to by forest homesteaders. The land withdrawn is Mojave country and is described as valuable for grazing purposes.

WILSON TALKS TO PRESS CLUB

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 15.—President Wilson spoke intimately for half an hour tonight to the members of the National Press club here. He remained at the club throughout the evening, staying for a supper after his address. The speech was confidential but may be published later.

COAL PRICES GOING UP  
[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—An increase of from 10 to 20 cents a ton in the wholesale prices of anthracite coal was announced here today by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company, one of the largest producers of hard coal in the country.

Nomination Held Up Because Is "Personally Obnoxious"

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The nomination of George Rublee of New Hampshire, as a member of the federal trade committee, was rejected today by the senate. Senator Gallinger, the republican leader, had opposed the nominee for fifteen months on the ground that Rublee was "personally obnoxious" to him, and the power of the senatorial courtesy tradition was so great that he won his point by a vote of 12 to 30 in spite of a vigorous and insistent fight by the administration for confirmation.

Mr. Rublee, who has been serving on the commission since soon after it was created, will lose his post and draw no salary for his work unless the senate's action is reconsidered. Five republicans voted for his confirmation and fourteen democrats voted against it.

After the roll call, which followed a bitter debate, Senator Hollis of New Hampshire, who led the fight for Rublee, changed his vote in order to move for a reconsideration. This may be done at another executive session in the near future.

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